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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM: Co-Chairman, Concept of Intelligence Operations
Working Group

SUBJECT: Disestablishment of Communications Architecture Panel

1. I have reviewed the latest version of the NWMP Communications Architecture, developed by the Communications Architecture Panel in May 1985, and believe that it is now time to move forward on this subject. In light of refinements made to the Concept of Intelligence Operations and identification of the critical elements of a survivable intelligence system, it is now possible to scope and more accurately define the communications architecture needed to support such a survivable intelligence system. In the interest of completing this definition as soon as possible, I have convened a smaller review group to undertake the task of reviewing the two studies and developing the final architecture paper. The Communications Architecture Panel is, therefore, disestablished effective this date.

2. I wish to express my appreciation for the efforts of the members of Panel C in taking a first cut at addressing the issue of a Communications Architecture in support of a survivable intelligence system. The constraints under which the Panel members worked, without knowing the scope or magnitude of the system to be supported, is well known and the results of your efforts should prove very useful in developing the final architecture.

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